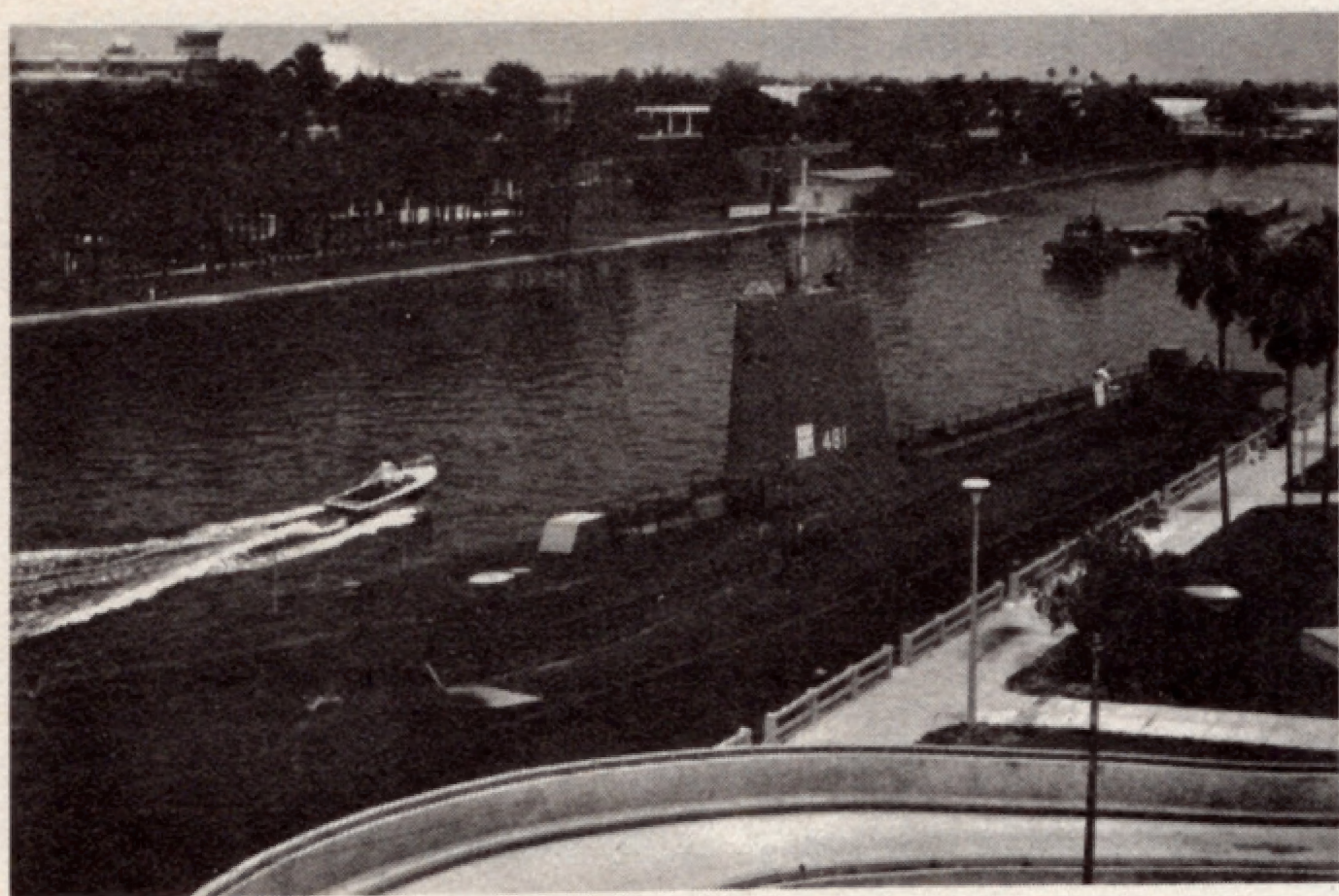


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Requin

HISTORY OF USS REQUIN SS-481

USS REQUIN was built at the U.S. Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire and launched 1 January 1945. The Requin saw no action in World War II. Cessation of hostilities with Japan found her at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, ready to commence her first war patrol.

REQUIN was converted to a Submarine Radar Picket, in 1946. Requin remained in this configuration until modified to a Fleet Snorkel in 1959. REQUIN has been Home ported in Key West, Florida, New London, Connecticut and Norfolk, Virginia.

REQUIN in her commissioned service traveled extensively. She sailed to the Arctic Circle, conducted several cruises to the Caribbean, made seven extended cruises to the Mediterranean, and participated in Unitas VII, in 1966, which was a training cruise involving various South American Navies during a four month circum-navigation of South America.

REQUIN was reclassified from SS to AGSS in July 1968. She was subsequently decommissioned from active service at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia on 3 December 1968.

REQUIN was used as a training vessel for the Naval Reserve Unit in St. Petersburg from 1968 to 1973.

In 1973 the Requin was turned over to the City of Tampa to be used as a War Memorial. During January of 1977, the Requin was painted and checked out by volunteers and formed as part of the Unicorn Maritime Institute for Sea Explorers nationwide.